(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the number of IIMs and IITs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Total number of seats available in IIMs and IITs at present are 1440 and 11012 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Setting up of new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are under consideration of the Government for the Eleventh Five Year Plan which is under formulation.

Research in universities

†2804. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the research has been separated from the universities in the country during the past few years and because of it major researches are not being carried out in the universities;

(b) if so, the efforts made to promote research in the universities during the last three years;

(c) the total amount spent thereon; and

(d) the details of efforts made to accommodate researchers in the universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to promote Basic Science Research in Indian Universities, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M. Sharma was constituted in March, 2005 by the Central Government. The recommendations of the Task Force have been accepted for implementation through the University Grants Commission.

(c) and (d) The UGC has introduced a number of schemes for promotion of Research in universities and colleges. The amounts spent on these schemes during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 were Rs.15255.27 lakh, Rs.16200.27 lakh and Rs.25021.74 lakh respectively.

Universities in the country

†2805. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only 350 universities for the entire population of the country and most of them are either private or their reputation is not good or they are not recognized by the University Grants Commission;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the universities recognized by U.G.C.; and

(d) the details of total amount released to the universities during the last year for higher education and research and the amount utilized out of it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 388 Degree granting institutions (as on 16.8.2007) including under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956. These Degree granting institutions comprise 221 State Universities, 24 Central Universities, 11 Private Universities, 114 Institutions Deemed to be Universities, 13 Institutions of National Importance and 5 Institutions established under State legislations. Of the 232 State universities (including 11 Private Universities), 161 universities are recognized by the UGC for grants under Section 12B of the UGC Act.

(d) The grants released by the UGC to the eligible universities under its General Development Assistance Scheme, during the year 2006-07, are as under:

State Universities	Rs. 10,517.44 lakhs
Deemed to be Universities	Rs. 1,374.49 lakhs
Central Universities	Rs. 3,79,299.02 lakhs

The universities have been allowed to utilize these grants by the 30th September, 2007.

Assessment of Government Schools

2806. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the performance of Government schools in the country *vis-a-vis* the public schools, in the wake of results of X and XII class examinations this year; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Public examinations at secondary and higher secondary stages are conducted by various boards set up by both Central and State Governments. As regards Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is concerned, comparison of the results of class Xth and XIIth Board examination of the Government and Government aided *vis-a-vis* Privately Managed Unaided schools in 2007 is as under:–